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MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS

List of Candidates Running
for Mayor and
Councillors.

Following is complete list of those
gentlemen who were nominated yester-
day for the council for 1902:

FOR MAYOR.

David Lowe Mather, contractor; pro-
posed by John Insley, seconded by Ed-
ward Trantet.

D. C. Cameron, lumber manufactur-
er; proposed by C. W. Chadwick, sec-
onded by E. Appleton.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

John Kerr Brydon, gentleman; pro-
posed by Geo. McCannon, seconded by
Chas. Lawson.

John Nash, fishery inspector; pro-
posed by Geo. McCannon, seconded by
John Kay.

Geo. E. Foster, mill foreman; pro-
posed by John Kay, seconded by Wm.
Settrington.

Chas. W. Belyea, telegraph lineman;
proposed by E. Atkinson, seconded by
Jas. Little.

W. McCarthy, gentleman; proposed
by John Kay, seconded by D. McMur-
phy.

Fred. A. Hudson, contractor; pro-
posed by G. E. Neads, seconded by R.
J. Husbands.

Chas. W. Chadwick, gentleman; pro-
posed by E. Appleton, seconded by W.
B. Towers.

Wm. G. Cameron, merchant; pro-
posed by John R. Bunn, seconded by
R. J. Husbands.

Algonquin S. Horswill, merchant;
proposed by E. Appleton, seconded by
W. B. Towers.

James B. Davies, journalist; proposed
by H. Prindle, seconded by S. J.
Johnson.

John F. Merice, mill foreman; pro-
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in the west end. Several other gentle-
men also made short speeches.

TELEPHONE COMPARISON

Department of Public Works,
Ontario.
Toronto, July 30, 1901.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. to the
Municipal World with regard to elec-
tric light and telephone data has been
referred to me for reply.

I enclose to you a list of towns in
Ontario, showing the prices paid by
them for electric street lighting. There
is really nothing published in pam-
phlet or book form that would be of
assistance to you in the way you sug-
gest—a matter to be regretted, as coun-
cils, I find, are constantly in need of
information of this description. I
have prepared a number of articles re
waterworks and electric lighting,
for the Municipal World which I pre-
sume you have seen. If not, I will be
pleased to send you copies.

Regarding telephone charges, we
are very much in the same position.
From estimates which I have prepared
I may say that in your town I would ex-
pect to find about three hundred tele-
phones in use. The system used by
Bell Co. could be installed, with such a
number of subscribers, for about \$60
for each phone. Allowing for a fair
profit, a charge of about \$20 for business
instruments and \$15 for private resi-
dences would be about what you should
expect. I understood that there is an
automatic system being proposed for
the city of Toronto, which I believe
could be installed in Rat Portage for
about \$50 per instrument. The opera-
tion charges would be much less than
with the manual exchange, and these
phones could be rented for about \$15 a
year for business places and \$12 a year
for private residences. These charges
would allow a sufficient profit. With
either the manual or automatic ex-
change, unlike most other services,
the cost to the subscriber increases to
some extent with the increase of busi-
ness.

While a great deal has been written
regarding the construction of electric
light and telephone systems, very little
is available with regard to the finan-
cial aspect. I enclose, under separate
cover, a pamphlet on independent
telephone investment which may be of
interest. While it is evidently written
for a purpose, I believe the statistics
given between pages 18 and 20 are re-
liable.

Rat Portage owns its own water
works, and I am certainly of the opin-
ion that you are taking a right view in
looking into electric lighting and tele-
phoning. In the Province, nearly
forty electric plants are under municipal
ownership, and the number is

MUNICIPAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. B. Davies says he will stand or
fall on the electric light question.
Needless to say he is a champion of
the company. It is rather fortunate
for the town he is not the other way.

There is no argument required to
show that the Electric Light Com-
pany attempted, unsuccessfully, it is
true, to dictate the policy of the coun-
cil of 1901. Will they be more suc-
cessful in the coming year?

The Electric Light Co.—No, the News
Electric Print—says: "The effect of
municipal ownership is shown in the
large amount of arrears in the water
system of the town." Would there
have been a clear sheet had the water
works been owned by a private com-
pany?

Mr. Belyea says he is in favor of mu-
nicipal ownership of the electric light-
ing. He does not advocate it, however,
and his actions in the council the past
year would hardly lead an unbiased
person to believe his statements. A
very large majority of the people of
Rat Portage expressed themselves in
favor of owning the electric plant,
and perhaps Mr. Belyea wants re-
election.

In one paragraph of the News Elec-
tric Print of yesterday it charges the
town with being too lenient in run-
ning the water works and in the next
paragraph with being too harsh.
Those divergent views must be at so
much per line.

The News Electric Print says "the
ticket are anxious to be re-elected in
order that they may continue their
fight against the Electric Light Co.,
and only incidental of course—the
Electric Co. is anxious that they be not
in order that they may go on charging
the people as much as possible.

The Electric Light organ is harping
on the question of costs of the recent
litigation between the town and the
Electric Co. and using such phrases as
the "overburdened taxpayer." The
consumer of electric light will
wonder if there is no burden on that
score.

Mr. Belyea is bemoaning the possible
costs of the recent litigation, and tell-
ing people how bad he feels over it.
He wished however to reduce the price
of water to the C.P.R. from 10 cents
to 8 cents and he didn't worry over it
either.

How solicitors for the welfare of the
municipality the Electric Light Co.

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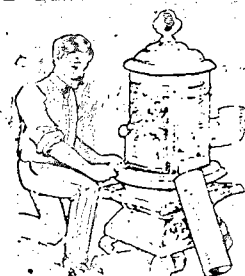
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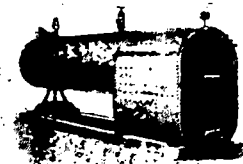
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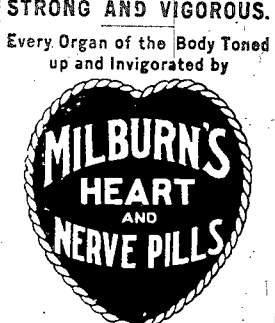
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A STRAIGHT ISSUE.

The present contest for the mayoralty between Mayor D. C. Cameron and D. L. Mather should be devoid of personalities and bitterness. The only straight issue is the electric light question, and on that the candidates will either stand or fall. So far as we are informed Mr. Mather has not declared himself upon the question. He can hardly be in favor of owning the electric lighting plant, however, or he would not have been induced to oppose Mr. Cameron's re-election. We can therefore fairly assume that he is opposed to the town owning the electric lighting plant, and therefore opposed to the wishes of a large majority of the electorate as expressed by their votes on the plebiscite of January, 1900. On what grounds then can we expect him to carry out the expressed wishes of the people? We believe that no man should run for office unless he is prepared to carry out the mandate of the majority of the citizens.

WHAT SOME MINING INVESTORS NEED.

There are occasions when a club—a large club—heavily loaded is the best means for driving common sense into the heads of investors in mining properties, observes the Lead and Zinc News. It is a good method and usually productive of results. Some very excellent mining propositions have been turned into complete failures by the investors themselves deciding to send a "favored son" or some broken business man out to manage a mining venture. Such decisions have, in isolated cases, proved reasonably successful. But there is not a mining camp west of the Mississippi river which cannot point to many instances of this character in which the investors have lost the greater portion or all of their investments.

Mining, when conducted with the same business caution that the average commercial venture requires, is equally safe and more profitable. No business man would think of turning over the management of his affairs to a green man, and many of those same business men, ordinarily level-headed, will consent to turn a mining enterprise over to a green man. Under competent management, conducted with the same care that a wholesale or retail business is carried on, mining is as safe an investment as can be secured. When the business of mining

One would say it was a good sign of the times to see the prisons of a country being shut up for good. The Dublin Gazette announces that from and after the 31st day of December, 1901, no less than seven of the great jails of Ireland shall be wholly closed.

A large manufacturing firm of Hull, Eng., recently issued an advertising card with pictures emblematic of various parts of the empire, one of these is labelled "Canada Ice Palace at St. Paul." St. Paul will feel flattered, and Minneapolis jealous.

During the past year the United States spent \$83,000,000 in supporting an army in the Philippines. Great Britain spent more in South Africa and some of the American papers are jealous.

Still when Marconi wanted to telegraph his prospective bride to meet him he had to use the ordinary wires. The young Italian didn't like the idea of having his goo-goo messages floating all over the atmosphere.

Montreal Gazette: The De Beers Mining Company reports making a profit of \$2,750,000 during the year just closing. Evidently there is a good deal of peaceful industry going on in South Africa along with much warlike destruction.

The Ottawa Journal says: Nagawia, a small Manitoba town, which over a year ago bought out the electric plant and put in a telephone service in connection with it, claims to have a profit of \$2,025 on the year's operation, after paying interest and sinking fund on the cost of the plant, as well as all expenses of operation, insurance and repairs. There does not seem to have been any expense of new installation, however. There are 121 telephones, the charge for which is \$21 a year for business places and \$10 for residences, the smaller a place the less expensive telephone service is known to be; but these rates look rather satisfactory.

The London Engineer notes that a deposit of gold on a piece of wrought iron, originally used in a mine truck, and which had lain in the gutter carrying off the mine water, has been found at the Mount Lyell Mine, Tasmania. On removing the precipitated copper, the gold was found deposited in places especially near three bolt holes, in the form of bright yellow plates. It was firmly attached to the iron, and had probably been deposited by the electric action of the iron-copper couple from traces of chloride in the acid mine water. No gold, however, could be detected in the mine water.

SCOTT'S CAMP.

A young man by the name of Mason was seriously hurt on Saturday by a falling limb from a tree he was cutting.

THE BEAVER IN WINTER.

His Curious Method of Breathing Under the Ice.

"The beaver is really a sort of portable pulp mill, grinding up most any kind of wood that comes his way. I once measured a white birch tree, twenty-two inches through, cut down by a beaver. A single beaver generally, if not always, amputates the tree, and when it comes down the whole family falls to and has a regular frolic with the bark and branches. A big beaver will bring down a fair sized sapling—say, three inches through—in about two minutes and a large tree in about an hour.

"One of the queerest facts about the beaver is the rapidity with which his long, chisel sharp teeth never seem to be injured. I have known beavers to break their teeth in biting a trap, and when I caught them again ten days afterward you couldn't see a sign of the break—the teeth had grown out to their former perfection in that short period.

"As compared with the water or muskrat, the beaver is a very slow swimmer. His front legs hang by his side, and he uses only his webbed hind feet for purposes of swimming. It is easy to capture one in a canoe if you can find him in shoal water. He is a most determined fighter, but clumsy and slow handed. If he should get hold of you with his teeth, he would almost take a leg off; so you want to watch him sharply. The place to grab him is by the tail.

"The ability of a beaver to remain under water for a long time is really not so tough a problem as it looks. When the lake or pond is frozen over, a beaver will come to the under surface of the ice and expel his breath, so that it will form a wide, flat bubble. The air, coming in contact with the ice and water, is purified, and the beaver breathes it again. This operation he repeats several times. The otter and muskrat do the same thing.

"It almost takes a burglar proof safe to hold a newly captured beaver. I once caught an old one and two kittens up the north branch of the Sou-west, put them in a barrel and brought them down to Miramichi lake. That night she gnawed a hole through the barrel and cleared out, leaving her kittens. They were so young that I had no hope of feeding them, so I released them in the hope that the mother might find them. Soon after that I caught a big male beaver. I made a large log pen for him of dry spruce, but the second night he cut a log and disappeared.

"Beavers, when alarmed, generally make up stream, so I went to the brook where a little branch came in, and I thought I would go up that a little way, and I hadn't gone more than ten rods before I came across my lad sitting up in the bed of the brook having a lunch on a stick he had cut. He actually looked as if he knew he was playing truant when he caught sight of me out of the side of his eye.

"I picked him up by the tail, brought him back, put him in the pen, supplied him with plenty of fresh poplar and he seemed as tame as possible and never gave me any more trouble. I brought him out to Stanley, where he lived a long time. Turnbull had a mongrel dog which was jealous of the beaver, and one day attacked him. He bit the dog's nose, but the beaver nipped the dog's ear. If a cat would catch a mouse."

Memories of the Tan.

In the old circus, the circus used to fly up now and then and dust the stalls, and now and then a horse's head would beat against the side of the ring with a heavy thud. All this is gone. If there are no hearse discharges now, no hearse thuds, no flying aromatic tan, and no gables. It used to be a regular to go through the stalls, in the interval—down the line, sloping passages, with gas jets in wire cages, and find oneself between the tails of countless pithed horses extending as far



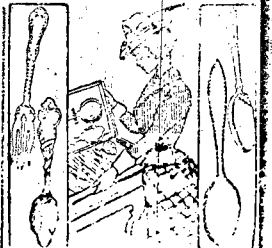
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THE COMING OF WINTER.

the most important place in the household of the Duke is Lady Mary, one of the "Princesses" oldest sons, and her lady-in-waiting who was married. Lady Lygon, sister of Earl Beauchamp, one of England's most prominent persons, was 23, one of the most beautiful of the British court, and the daughter of the late Lord Beauchamp, who was the finest residence in Worcester. Lady Lygon is the most perfect beauty in the English aristocracy. She is 32 years of age, the eldest of two sisters, one of whom is married to Lord Antrim, the present holder of Joseph Chamberlain's title, while the other is the spouse of the Grenadier Guardsman, Capt. Lord Dunsany-Gilman.

"Takes down prices on horses,"
"Toward evenin'," though I took up an-
er. A fellow named Smith—a cheeky
nigger that thought nobody could
harm him—told me about swappin' plunger
and he'd give me a cow, a big sow and
a little pig for the mare. "It's a go,"
he said, and he took off the isorred, leavin' me

The *polygraph* was taken to her room at night, and she was allowed to see it. She was not to meet us or our *father*. We told him we were determined to reach it during our trip in America and were convincing ourselves. We allowed him to write a letter to our other children. He is so grateful that we tipped him early again.

Next day the same *thing* was repeated, and by a few more questions I've learned that he was having a harder time getting a living in America than he anticipated when he left 'old England,' and was likely to lose his job as well as it. I might unless he could locate the

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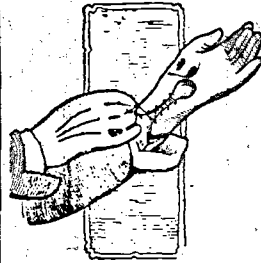
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Fancy Handkerchiefs.

Fancy Lawn Handkfs, fancy lace edge 4 for 25c
Fancy Lace Handkfs, lawn centres 2 for 25c
Fancy Lace Handkfs, lawn centres, 50c, 60c, 75c each
Fancy Silk Handkfs, hand-embroidered 3 for 25c
Hem Stitched Initial Handkerchief 25c each



Ladies' Kid Gloves.

Perrine renowned makes \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 per pair.
Deer Skin Gloves, silk lined, two buttons, a dressy warm glove for winter \$1.90 Pair.
Ladies, Misses and Children's Mocha Mitts, wool lined 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 Pair.

Hosiery...

Ladies' Fine Black Cashmere Hose 35c per Pair.
Extra Quality 50c per Pair.
Lisle Thread, fancy lace work 75c per Pair.
Silk Oper Hose, in Black, Cream, Pink and Cardinal \$1.50 per Pair.

Fancy Lawn Aprons...

12 Dozen White Lawn Aprons 25c Each
6 Dozen White Lawn Aprons, trimmed with lace and embroidery 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c Each.



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EXPLAINED.

"Say, Mack, what's all this I see in The Miner every time it comes out: 'the people's for um! the people's for um? Who's the people for anyhow?' 'Sure, I don't know, Moike, but I've been a jiding 'the people's for um' and I guess it must be for Day Day. I don't see anyone else in sight."

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CLERICAL ANECDOTES.

How the Parson is Sometimes Worsted by the Layman.

He very occasionally gets it in church, as in the classic case instanced by the late Dean Ramsay, who relates that on a sultry summer Sunday afternoon a country congregation felt and yielded to the temptation to drowsiness with a remarkable unanimity. Almost the only person apparently wide-awake was the village idiot, who sat in the front of the "loft," with steady gaze fixed on the minister. Singling him out as an example, the parson sharply rebuked him for their slothfulness. "Why?" he exclaimed, "even the poor afflicted one, Daft Jamie, as ye call him, can manage to keep awake." "Aye, but minister," retorted Jamie, not quite comprehending the situation, but simply presenting the sudden publicity given to his doings, "if I hadna been an idiot I wad ha' been sleepin' too."

In a small church in Yorkshire well known to the writer one of the most regular and attentive attendants was a countryman who always closed his eyes to listen to the sermon. It helped him to think he need to open and that he never let go one who undertook to question him about the discourse could doubt. On one occasion when the pulpit was filled by a youthful cleric from a neighbouring place there came a change in the sermon. Suspecting what it meant, but not feeling free to open his eyes, the old John said: "Thy can ye get to be this preaching, I'm noan asleep."

ALL-OVER-CANADA ITEMS.

Boiled Down into Readable Paragraphs for Busy People.

The total number of Kaffirs reported from Kimberley as having been murdered by the Boers is 37. In one case it is said, the Boers burned an unfortunate native alive.

The London, Ont., directory, just out, makes the population 15,967.

Mr. A. Maguin has acquired Events, the weekly paper in Ottawa.

A By-law to enforce compulsory vaccination has been introduced in the Montreal Council.

Hon. Robert B. Ogden: There is some room in the House of Commons for the poor fellow.

Six persons were killed by a car jumping the track on the Philadelphia & Lehigh Valley at Allentown, Pa.

Sigurd Marenkj leaves Newfoundland today, but it is not known whether he

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Local Interest

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Capt. Henson and Mr. William Bull are leaving to do some development work on one of the claims in Witch Bay.

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Rev. A. J. Bruce, who has charge of the mission at Eagle River, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Fred Button, of the 20th Century mine, who has been visiting his family in town, left for the mine last Thursday.

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Mr. T. McDonald, of the Elizabeth mine, spent Christmas with his family in town.

Mr. W. Montgomery, of Kewatin, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Bert Coomer, of Fortier & Co., left on a visit to his old home in the east Saturday.

Mr. W. J. McNab, of Carmen, Man., who spent Xmas in town left for home Friday.

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Mayor Cameron's committee rooms are being opened in the Seavill block.

Mr. Dave Bishop, engineer of the S. S. Empress, has gone to Winnipeg.

Mr. John Werner has been laid up with an attack of Grippel for the last few days, but can't recover now if he wished, but has decided to remain in the grasp of the fiend a little while yet to test some new Grippelcures he has under experiment. It is imposable of our city analyst to thus undergo suffering for the furtherance of science and the benefit of humanity.

Mr. D. L. Mather has opened Committee Rooms in the Coughlin Block.

Lord Bacon said "it is men who create ideas, no matter how Utopian, and no matter how impracticable they may seem: it is these men who are the salt of the earth. There are a thousand to construct and contrive where there is one to invent."

Mayor Mathews, of Port Arthur, has been given a second term by acclamation.

Some Minneapolis citizens claim to have discovered a valuable mine of black granite in the northern part of the state worth all the way from \$20,000 to \$1,000,000.

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MASONIC.

The following officers of the Lake of the Woods Lodge, A. F. & A. M. were installed by R. W. Bro. T. W. Chapple on St. John's Day: W. M., Dr. Schmar; S. W., Wm. Robertson; J. W., T. R. Denson; T. R., R. J. N. Pither; Secretary, W. Nickson; Chaplain, V. W. A. Carmichael; I. G. J. F. MacGillivray; S. D., G. C. Frisbie; D. P., J. Appleton; S. S., A. McLennan; D. C., R. W. D. T. Ferguson.

The brethren of the two local lodges, together with members of the "Grail" from Kewatin, attended divine service at St. Athan's church on Sunday evening, when Rev. J. W. B. Page preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

PORTAGE IS HOSTILE.

The following despatch from Portage la Prairie to the Winnipeg Free Press of last night, speaks for itself:

In Portage la Prairie hockey circles a feeling of dissatisfaction exists with the manner in which the provincial council of the association has been conducting things of late. A meeting of the council was held a few days ago at which important matters were considered, among them the application of the Rat Portage team for admission to the A series, but the only outside representative, Vice-president A. G. Halstead, of Portage, received no notice of the gathering. The action of the Winnipeggers failing to come to Portage last Monday night also came up before the meeting and the city team was dealt with much too leniently in failing to turn up here, they committed a serious infraction of the rules of hockey. It is the opinion here that the proceedings of these private meetings declared null and void and undoubtedly the remainder of the outside clubs in the intermediate series will be of a similar opinion.

The Brandon hockey team will play the locals here on Monday evening. An exciting contest is anticipated.

The last spike of the C. N. R. line will be driven today. A special train left for Port Arthur from Winnipeg over the new line.

Mr. Wilkie Brown, of Cranbrook, B. C., and Miss Flora Mitchell were quietly married last evening and left on the train going east to spend their honeymoon in New York. Neither of the parties knew anything about the approaching nuptials two days before the event took place, as a train of unusual circumstances were the cause of the union. Mr. Brown goes to take a position with the New York Asphalt company, and it is understood that the happy couple will reside there permanently. The groom is an ex-resident of Rat Portage. The bride was a very popular young lady, having lived nearly all her life in Rat Portage, and though she left so suddenly the good wishes of the entire community follow, if they do not go with her.

In a small church in Yorkshire well known to the writer one of the most interesting and attractive sermons was a sermon which was delivered by a minister who always sold his eyes to listen to the sermon. It helped him to think, he used to say, and that he really listened to no one who undertook to question him about the discourse could doubt. On one occasion when the pulpit was occupied by a youthful clergyman, the minister placed there came a pause in the sermon. Suspecting what it meant, but not troubling to open his eyes, the old John said: "You can go on with the preaching. I'm none asleep."

Out of church the parson sometimes receives a "hasty one," delivered by admirers. I regret to say that my own grandfather once, in a moment of angry outspokenness, likened his view in the presence of that worthy—to the guide-post at the cross lanes in the parish; "for," said the irate and blunt old man, "it points people the road, but doesn't travel it." The astonished vicar took so much taken aback to reply while his censor was within hearing, or he might have made the retort which was made by a Kenish clergyman to a similar charge. "What?" said he, "Why, you're never content. Here I tell you what you ought to do Sunday and show you what you ought not to do to the rest of the week. What more do you want? You're never satisfied."

TWO CAPTAINS.

One Dies For His People, the Other's People Die For Him.

Ruskin in his "Essay on War" says: "It is wholly inconceivable to me how well educated princes who ought to be of all gentlemen the gentlest and of all nobles the most generous and whose title of royalty means only their function of doing every man 'right'—how these, I say, throughout history should so rarely profess themselves on the side of the poor and of justice, but continually maintain themselves and their own interests by oppression of the poor and by wresting of justice, and how this should be accepted as so natural that the word 'loyalty,' which means faithfulness to law, is used to mean only the duty of a people to be loyal to their king and not the duty of a king to be infinitely more loyal to his people."

"How it comes to pass that a sea captain will die with his passengers and lean over the gunwale to give the parting best of his courage, but that a king will die with his people, much less for his passengers—thinks it rather incumbent on his passengers in any number to die for him? Think, I beseech you, of the wonder of this."

The sea captain, not captain by divine right, but only by company's appointment, not a man of royal descent, but only a plebeian who can steer; not with the eyes of the world upon him, but with feeble chance, depending on one poor boat, of his name being ever heard above the wash of the fatal sea, with the consciousness of a nation resting on his act, is helpless to save so much as a child from among the lost crowd with whom he resolves to be lost, yet goes down quietly to his grave rather than break his faith to those few emigrants.

"But your captain by divine right, your captain with the hues of a hundred shields of kings upon his breast, your captain whose every deed, brave or base, will be illuminated or branded forever before unescapable eyes of men, your captain whose every thought and act are the subject of a nation resting on his act, is helpless to save so much as a child from among the lost crowd with whom he resolves to be lost, yet goes down quietly to his grave rather than break his faith to those few emigrants."

The total number of Kaffirs reported from Kimberley as having been murdered by the Boers is 37. In one case it is said, the Boers burned an unfortunate native alive.

The London, Ont., directory, just out, makes the population 45,000.

Mr. A. Maguen has acquired Events, the weekly paper in Ottawa.

A By-law to enforce compulsory vaccination has been introduced in the Montreal Council.

Hon. Robert Rogers denies there is any trouble in the Manitoba Cabinet on the prohibition question.

Six persons were killed by a car jumping the track on the Philadelphia & Lehigh Valley at Allentown, Pa.

Signor Marconi leaves Newfoundland today, but it is not known whether he will visit Nova Scotia or Ottawa.

The Australian Government has decided to send a contingent of one thousand men to South Africa.

Egbert McKeown of Hamilton fell out of a third story window and lighted on his head, but was apparently only slightly injured.

Wm. Rodolph, who was convicted of manslaughter at Grand Rapids, Minn., for shooting One-Armed Sullivan, has been granted a new trial.

Gilbert Parker, M. P., who declined the banquet at Bellville, January 11, has now accepted.

M. G. Cameron, son of the late Hon. M. C. Cameron, is a candidate for Mayor at Goderich.

Geo. St. Pierre, of Montreal, who has saved 20 lives, will likely get the Royal Albert medal.

About 700 horses will be shipped on the Huronia, which sails from St. John N. B., for South Africa, in a few days.

The American Cereal company has obtained a controlling interest in the Peterborough Light and Power Company.

The commission to enquire into the Marine City disaster at Goderich will be composed of commander Spain, E. Adams of Ottawa, and James Stewart of Kingston.

A company to construct an electric line between Winnipeg and Headingley has applied for incorporation.

The citizens of Port Frances are protesting against the increased rate which the C. N. R. is charging for telegraphing. The rate has been increased from 25 to 50 cents.

Government inspectors are vaccinating all incoming travellers at Greta who cannot show a certificate.

Matthew Keyes, who was struck by an electric car in Winnipeg, has died from his injuries.

An effort is being made to sell the Panama Canal Co.'s plant for forty million dollars.

The annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada was held in Toronto.

Alex. O'Brien, Liberal, was elected in York, N. B., by a large majority in the bye-election.

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Administrator's Notice

In the Estate of Thomas Edward Whitehead, Late of the Town of Rat Portage, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of the Wills Act, that the persons having claims against the estate of the late Thomas E. Whitehead, deceased, who died on the 12th day of July, 1911, are required to send in a statement of their claims, and of the nature and amount of the same, to the undersigned, Administrator of the estate, on or before the 15th day of December, 1911, at which time the claims will be heard and the estate will be distributed accordingly. The undersigned is a resident of the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is a member of the law firm of Messrs. J. H. Thompson & Co., Solicitors at Law, in the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 10th day of November, 1911. J. H. THOMPSON & CO., Administrators.

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